IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Date: January 10, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, the period for response having been extended to January 10, 2007, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.